

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 30, 2018 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened by announcing that this was an open meeting of the Common Council. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by forwarding the complete agenda to the official City newspaper, the New Richmond News, and to all news media who have requested the same as well as posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the City Clerk's office. Anyone desiring information as to forthcoming meetings should contact the City Clerk's office.

Roll call was taken.

Members Present: Mayor Horne, Alderman Ard, Kittel, Jackson, Volkert, Montello and Zajkowski.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Alderman Ard moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried.

Application for License to Serve from Maryah Mara

Craig Yehlik explained that Maryah Mara applied for an operator's license to allow her to work at a liquor store. After looking at her history, Craig recommended to deny her application. She is currently on probation and as a part of that probation is not supposed to be in any place where liquor is sold or served. Craig stated that not enough time has passed since her alcohol related issues to recommend her receiving an operator's license. Discussion followed. Alderman Montello moved to table this application until Maryah Mara is off probation, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried.

Application for Run/Walk Permit from Westfields

Alderman Zajkowski moved to approve the application for Run/Walk Permit from Westfields Hospital/Cancer Center of Western Wisconsin for May 12, 2018, seconded by Alderman Kittel and carried.

Boards and Commissions

Mayor Horne explained the citizen appointments were mostly completed at the last meeting. He handed out a spreadsheet of the number of meetings each committee held in 2017. The remainder of the appointments will be made at the next meeting. Staff has been reviewing the first two chapters of our ordinances and has made suggestions regarding committee membership. There was discussion regarding some minor changes for the Plan Commission and Airport Commission. They also discussed the creation of a Tourism Committee and the membership for that committee. The current Economic Development Committee will be replaced by Forward New Richmond as has been discussed over the past few months. A few existing committees which will be absorbed by other committees such as the Solid Waste Committee which will be included in Public Works; the Sports Center Board which will be included in the Park Board and the Cable TV and Board of Health will be included in the City Council. The complete ordinance will be presented at the May Council meeting on May 14, 2018.

Capital Improvement Plan 2018-2022

Rae Ann Ailts gave a review of the projects listed in the plan as critical. One of these projects is the Police Department garage. Craig Yehlik gave a presentation showing the need for the garage. Considerable discussion followed. The next step is to look closer at the design and get firm numbers on the cost. This will come back to the Council in the next two months for further discussion. There was also discussion regarding the other critical projects in the CIP including 125th Avenue, CTH A Bike and Pedestrian Path, Fox Run/Whispering Prairie Bike and Pedestrian Path and Dakota Avenue/West First Street/Minnesota Avenue Replacement. In May, staff will look at sources and uses of funds for the

critical projects. Council will decide on the definition of “very important” projects. In June the very important projects will be identified. In July, Staff will discuss the sources and uses of funds for the critical and very important projects. The public process will start in August for the two-year critical and very important projects, along with budget limits for those projects.

Communications & Miscellaneous

Beth Thompson stated the Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan will be at the Plan Commission meeting on May 15, 2018. Mayor Horne showed everyone the Governor’s Proclamation plaque and the flag and proclamation from the VFW for the Loyalty Day Parade. Craig Yehlik thanked Mayor Fred for announcing the parade on Saturday. New Richmond was on CNN for the Loyalty Day Parade.

Closed Session

Alderman Ard moved to go into Closed Session per State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Downtown Business Proposal, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried.

Open Session

No action was taken.

Noah Wiedenfeld explained the award received by the City of New Richmond on April 27, 2018 in Madison for connect community participants.

Alderman Kittel moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Zajkowski and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Tanya Batchelor
City Clerk